

**WASHINGTON. D.C.** – House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA) sent letters today to Committee Chairman Edolphus Towns (D-NY) and Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers (D-MI) calling on them to immediately convene hearings on the activities of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform NOW (ACORN) that includes key ACORN officials such as ACORN CEO Bertha Lewis, Wade Rathke (ACORN Founder) and Dale Rathke, Elizabeth Kingsley (Counsel to ACORN) and Steve Bachmann (CCI General Counsel) among others.

“Self-investigation is not a sufficient substitute for action by the Congress and Scott Harshbarger’s connection to ACORN is hardly independent,” Issa, also a member of the House Judiciary Committee, wrote to Towns and Conyers referring to ACORN’s recent appointment of Mr. Harshbarger to conduct an internal review of ACORN. “My opinion continues to be ACORN shouldn’t get another penny of federal dollars until they demonstrate that those dollars are firewalled for only that use, and that has not been the history of the organization.”

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